

1999 Ozone Summary for New Hampshire

- ! The existing health-based standard for ozone in ambient (outdoor) air is 120 parts per billion for a one-hour average. An area is Aexceeding≅ the standard if any one hour average measured during the day at an air monitoring station in the area goes above the standard.
- ! In 1997, EPA revised the ozone standard to **80 parts per billion for an 8-hour average** to provide increased protection from the harmful health effects of ozone beyond that provided by the one-hour standard. In May of 1999, the new standard was remanded back to EPA by the DC Circuit Court of Appeals in response to challenges filed by industry and others. As a result, EPA cannot enforce this standard without further legal and/or rulemaking action.
- ! Following promulgation of the revised ozone standard, EPA subsequently revoked the one-hour ozone standard in areas that were meeting that standard, including any remaining ozone nonattainment areas in New Hampshire. EPA is proposing to rescind the revocations. Regardless of what standard is in effect, New Hampshire continues to monitor ozone levels in ambient air in order to issue health advisories when necessary and to determine compliance with the one-hour and future 8-hour standards.

1-Hour Ozone Exceedances During 1999 (>120 ppb standard)

| <u>Date</u> | Site(s) | Concentration (ppb) |
|-------------|---------|---------------------|
| | | |

July 16 Portsmouth 127

Maximum 1-Hour Ozone Concentrations

| Site | <u>Date</u> | Concentration (ppb) | | | |
|------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Manchester | site down for most of season | | | | |
| Keene | July 31 | 107 | | | |
| Rye | July 16 | 124 | | | |
| Claremont | May 31 | 97 | | | |
| Nashua | August 17 | 103 | | | |
| Concord | July 30 93 | | | | |
| Portsmouth | July 16 | 127 | | | |
| Rochester | August 25 | 107 | | | |
| Laconia | July 30 98 | | | | |
| Conway | June 1 | 93 | | | |
| Haverhill | June 1 | 89 | | | |
| Brentwood | August 25 | 100 | | | |

8-Hour Ozone Exceedances During 1999 (>80 ppb standard)

| <u>Date</u> | | Site(s) | Conce | ntration (ppb) |
|----------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|----------------|
| May 31 | Rye | Nashua Portsmouth | 96 89 | 89 |
| June 1 | | Rochester Nashua | 90 | 94 |
| June 24 | Ports | mouth Nashua | 90 87 | |
| July 16 Rye | Rye | Portsmouth | 111 | 107 |
| | | Nashua | 87 | 107 |
| July 17 Ports | Ports | | 86 | |
| | | Nashua | 85 | |
| July 30 Nashua | | 86 | | |
| July 31 | Nash | ua Keene | 89 | 89 |
| August 1 | 17 | Nashua Rye | | 88 85 |
| August 2 | 25 | Portsmouth Rochester | | 93 90 |

note: ALL values are unofficial pending full QA/QC evaluation

For 1999 ozone exceedances in the New England states, see the table on the following page.

For additional information, contact:

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us/ard

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency www.epa.gov/region01/eco/ozone/

New England Ozone Exceedance Day Summary for 1999 (Preliminary data through September 27, 1999)

| State | Number of 8-hr Exceedance Days | Dates of 8-hr Exceedance Days | Number of 1-hr Exceedance Days | Dates of 1-hr Exceedance Days |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Connecticut | 33 | 5/29, 5/30, 5/31, 6/1, 6/2, 6/6, 6/7, 6/8, 6/23, 6/24, 6/26, 6/27, 7/3, 7/5, 7/6, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/19, 7/23, 7/24, 7/25, 7/27, 7/29, 7/30, 7/31, 8/1, 8/4, 8/12, 8/17, 9/2, 9/3 | 11 | 5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/27, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/24, 7/29, 7/30 |
| Maine | 10 | 5/30, 5/31, 6/1, 6/24, 6/25, 7/16, 7/17, 7/23, 8/17, 8/25 | 1 | 7/16 |
| Massachusetts | 22 | 5/30, 5/31, 6/1, 6/2, 6/7, 6/8, 6/23, 6/24, 6/26, 6/27, 7/6, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/23, 7/24, 7/28, 7/30, 7/31, 8/17, 8/25, 9/2 | 4 | 6/7, 7/6, 7/16, 8/17 |
| New Hampshire | 9 | 5/31, 6/1, 6/24, 7/16, 7/17, 7/30, 7/31, 8/17, 8/25 | 1 | 7/16 |
| Rhode Island | 11 | 5/29, 6/7, 6/8, 6/23, 6/24, 6/26, 7/6, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18 | 3 | 6/7, 7/6, 7/16 |
| Vermont | 2 | 7/16, 7/31 | 0 | |
| New England totals | 35 | 5/29, 5/30, 5/31, 6/1, 6/2, 6/6, 6/7, 6/8, 6/23, 6/24, 6/26, 6/27, 7/3, 7/5, 7/6, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/19, 7/23, 7/24, 7/25, 7/27, 7/28, 7/29, 7/30, 7/31, 8/1, 8/4, 8/12, 8/17, 8/25, 9/2, 9/3 | 13 | 5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/27, 7/6, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/24, 7/29, 7/30, 8/17 |